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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

RE: Site Inspection, Lexco, Inc.; Cottonwood Mine; S/047/064, Uintah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: May 23, 2003  
Time of Inspection: 3:30 to 3:45 p.m.  
Conditions: Mostly clear, 80's  
Participants: Paul Baker (DOGM)

**Purpose of Inspection:**

I was in the area and wanted to visit the site. In addition, the Board was considering visiting this site while in the Vernal area, and I wanted to see what they might anticipate seeing.

**Observations:**

There are two sites within a few hundred yards of each other, and both are similar. Each has a shaft with a headframe and ore bins (Photos 2 and 3), a hoist house, what appears to be an equipment shed, and an area where support timbers are cut (Photo 1). There was a small amount of waste Gilsonite at the easternmost site. The sites were very clean with no trash lying around.

**Conclusions and Recommendations:**

These two sites were very compact and neat for which I commend the operator. I have no concerns or recommendations for improvements.

jb

cc: Jim Lekas, Lexco  
Pete Sokolosky, Vernal BLM  
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**ATTACHMENT**

**Inspection Date: May 23, 2003; Report Date: June 19, 2003**

**Photographs**

**S/047/064, Cottonwood Mine, Lexco, Inc.**



**Photo 1. Area where timbers are cut and stored.**



**Photo 3. Headframe and ore bins at the east shaft.**



**Photo 2. Headframe and ore bins at the west shaft.**